

The Honorable Ricardo S. Martinez

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. CESAR ARAMBULA, et al., Defendants.	NO. CR21-107 RSM PROTECTIVE ORDER
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Plaintiff, v. CRESENCIO MORENO AGUIRRE, et al., Defendants.	NO. CR21-108 RSM

1 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

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3 Plaintiff,

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5 v.

6 KEDNEL RASHEN HAWKINS,
7 EDWARD L. ABERCROMBIE, and
8 HUMBERTO FLORES SERNA,

9 Defendants.

NOS. CR21-5213 RSM
CR21-117 RSM
CR21-5251 RSM

10 This matter, having come to the Court's attention on the parties' joint motion for
11 entry of a discovery protective order, and the Court, having considered the motion, and
12 being fully advised in this matter, hereby enters the following PROTECTIVE ORDER:

13 1. **Protected Material.** For purposes of this Order, "Protected Material" shall
14 include (1) grand jury testimony; (2) witness statements; (3) tax information; (4) financial
15 information; (5) subscriber information (including phone and utility subscriber
16 information for uncharged individuals); (6) Title III materials relating to interception of
17 communications, including pleadings, intercepted communications, and linesheets;¹
18 (7) other personal identifying information ("PII")² obtained during the investigation,
19 including but not limited to personal information about defendants and third parties (such
20 as photographs, including sexually suggestive photographs, and photographs, identifying
21 information, and contact information for family members, other defendants, and/or
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24 ¹ The government has informed all defense counsel that the wiretap materials have been produced per the Court's
25 sealing orders and, as such, remain under seal and should be treated accordingly. Additionally, these materials
26 contain sensitive information that include communications with uncharged individuals, and they would therefore
27 also be appropriately designated as "Protected Material" pursuant to the proposed order.

28 ² "PII" includes, but is not necessarily limited to, the information identified in Fed. R. Crim. P. 49.1(a) and includes
full names, dates of birth, Social Security numbers (or other identification information), financial account
information (including account numbers), tax information, driver's license numbers, addresses, telephone numbers,
locations of residences or employment, medical records, school records, juvenile criminal records, and other
confidential information. The government has endeavored to redact PII as appropriate, but the parties acknowledge
and agree that this will not always be possible, and that in some instances un-redacted PII may be necessary to either
the prosecution or the defense, or both.

witnesses); and (8) other sensitive information obtained from the search of social media, cellular telephones, and other digital devices seized during the investigation. All financial records (including phone, utility, and financial information for third parties), federal tax records, cellular telephone downloads, grand jury transcripts, summaries of financial records, and Title III materials provided during discovery will be considered Protected Material without further designation by the government.

2. Other information believed by the government to be Protected Material will be so designated by the government. Said material may include, but is not limited to, information related to witnesses and third parties, criminal history reports, and related *Giglio* impeachment materials.

3. **Production of Protected Material to the Defense.** The United States will produce discovery, including Protected Material, to counsel for each defendant, either directly or through the Coordinating Discovery Attorney who has been appointed by this Court. Possession of copies of the Protected Materials is limited to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney and his/her staff, attorneys of record, and investigators, paralegals, law clerks, experts and assistants for the attorneys of record (hereinafter collectively referred to as “members of the defense teams”). The Coordinating Discovery Attorney and the attorneys of record are required, prior to disseminating any copies of the Protected Materials to their staff or any other members of the defense teams, to provide a copy of this Protective Order to every staff member and member of the defense teams, and obtain written acknowledgment by said staff and members of the defense teams of their understanding that they are bound by the terms and conditions of this Protective Order. The written consent need not be disclosed or produced to the United States unless reasonably requested by the Assistant United States Attorney or ordered by the Court.

4. **Review of Protected Material by Defendants.** The attorneys of record and members of each defendant’s defense team may share and review the Protected Material with their respective defendant. Defendants who are residing at the Federal Detention Center (FDC) will be permitted to review the Protected Material, consistent

1 with the regulations established by the BOP, with or without their respective counsel, in a
 2 controlled environment at the Federal Detention Center (FDC), but will be prohibited
 3 from printing out, copying, or disseminating the discovery. Defendants who are on
 4 pretrial release will be permitted to review the Protected Material at the offices of their
 5 counsel, but will be prohibited from printing out, copying, or disseminating the
 6 discovery. No defendant is permitted to take notes of any kind about the Protected
 7 Material.

8 **5. Limits on Dissemination of Protected Materials.** The attorneys of record
 9 and members of the defense team are prohibited from duplicating or providing copies of
 10 the Protected Material to other persons, including to any defendant, unless the personal or
 11 financial information contained therein belongs specifically and solely to the defendant
 12 receiving the material (e.g., a defendant may be provided with the download of his own
 13 cellular phone).³ This order does not limit employees of the United States Attorney's
 14 Office for the Western District of Washington from disclosing the Protected Material to
 15 members of the United States Attorney's Office, federal law enforcement agencies,
 16 witnesses, and the Court and defense counsel as necessary to comply with the
 17 government's discovery obligations and to investigate and prosecute the case.

18 **6. Future Production of Additional Protected Materials.** Additional types
 19 of discovery items may be deemed by the parties to constitute Protected Material upon
 20 agreement or (if no agreement can be reached) by further order of the Court.

21 **7. No Waiver.** Nothing in this order should be construed as imposing any
 22 substantive discovery obligations on the government that are different from those
 23 imposed by case law and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure. The
 24 failure to designate any materials as provided in paragraph 2 shall not constitute a waiver
 25 of a party's assertion that the materials are covered by this Protective Order.
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³ This provision does not apply to the wiretap materials, described above, which remain under seal and thereby may not be provided to any defendant.

1 **8. Use of Protected Material in Court.** Any Protected Material that is filed
 2 with the Court in connection with pre-trial motions, trial, or other matter before this Court
 3 shall be filed under seal and shall remain sealed until otherwise ordered by this Court.
 4 This does not entitle either party to seal their filings as a matter of course. The parties are
 5 required to comply in all respects with the relevant local and federal rules of criminal
 6 procedure pertaining to the sealing of court documents.

7 **9. Non-Termination.** The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the
 8 conclusion of this prosecution. Furthermore, at the close of this case, defense counsel
 9 shall return the Protected Material, including all copies of the Protected Material, to the
 10 office of the United States Attorney, or otherwise certify that the material has been
 11 destroyed.

12 **10. Violation of Order.** Any person who willfully violates this order may be
 13 held in contempt of court and may be subject to monetary or other sanctions as deemed
 14 appropriate by this Court.

15 **11. Modification of Order.** Nothing in this Stipulation shall prevent any party
 16 from seeking modification of this Protective Order or from objecting to the improper
 17 designation of discovery as Protected Material. In either event, counsel shall first confer
 18 with the government to attempt to resolve the issue. If the parties are unable to resolve
 19 the dispute, counsel may raise the issue with the Court by way of a motion.

20 **12. Agreement to Provide Copies of Protected Material to Defendants.**
 21 Upon agreement of counsel for the government, members of a defense team may provide
 22 copies of specific Protected Material, or redacted versions of such material, to a
 23 defendant. When seeking the government's agreement to give such a copy to a
 24 defendant, members of the defense team will identify with reasonable particularity,
 25 including (where available) the specific Bates-numbered pages and or recording
 26 descriptions, the specific material defense counsel proposes to give to the defendant.
 27 Unless expressly stated otherwise by the government, copies of Protected Material to be
 28 provided to the defendant will continue to be Protected Material subject to all of the

protections of the Court's Order, with the sole exception that a copy can be given only to the defendant (and not shared with anyone else outside the defense team). If counsel for the government and counsel for the defendant cannot reach agreement on whether particular portions of the Protected Material or redacted versions of Protected Material should be given to the defendant under these conditions, defense counsel may raise the issue with the Court by way of a motion.

13. **No Ruling on Discoverability or Admissibility.** This Protective Order does not constitute a ruling on the question of whether any particular material is properly discoverable or admissible and does not constitute any ruling on any potential objection to the discoverability of any material.

14. **No Ruling on Timing of Production.** This Protective Order does not require the government to provide particular discovery at a time or in a fashion inconsistent with applicable law.

15. **Addition of Defendants after Entry of Order.** This Protective Order applies to any additional defendants later charged in this case.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to provide a filed copy of this Protective Order to the Coordinating Discovery Attorney and all counsel of record.

DATED this 26th day of August, 2021.



RICARDO S. MARTINEZ
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

Presented by:

s/Erin H. Becker
ERIN H. BECKER
LYNDSIE R. SCHMALZ
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